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that a hospital might be established at Alagiapandiapuram, the central point of the taluk, or that the hospital at Sitapal might be shifted to Alagiapandiapuram as the works at Sitapal were almost over.

Dewan's reply.—When the Tovala Works are over and the P. W. hospital at Sitapal is closed, you may represent matters to Government, and the opening of a dispensary at Bhuthapandy will then be considered.

118. The early completion of the Tovala Channel.

Mr. Syed Mahomed Ibrahim Pilla (Member, Nominated) prayed that the Tovala Channel might be completed very soon.

Dewan's reply.—We are getting on with it as expeditiously as we can.

AGASTISWARAM TALUK.

119. Removal of certain agricultural impediments in the Agastiswaram taluk.

Mr. C. Vairavanatha Pillai (Member, Agastiswaram Taluk) said that, on account of the scouring sluices being in a state of disrepair, and owing to the existence of the Mission dam, 2,000 acres of paddy land situated on both sides of the Pazhayar river were submerged and the agriculturists sustained great loss. The Member requested that three scouring sluices might be opened in the Pillapattu dam, that the kal feeding the Mission lands might be deepened, and the Mission dam itself ordered to be removed, so as to prevent the silting up of the Pazhayar river.

Dewan.—The necessary investigation is being made.

120. Investing the Tahsildar of Agastiswaram with Magisterial jurisdiction over the Suchindram pidagai etc.

Mr. C. Vairavanatha Pillai (Member, Agastiswaram Taluk) said that the *pukuthies* of the Agastsiwaram Taluk had lately been placed under the jurisdiction of the Kottar Magistrate. So, misdeeds in the Suchindram temple, a very important one in the State, would have to be checked by a Magistrate far away from Suchindram. By the time the reports of the misdeeds reached the Magistrate, evidence was likely to be suppressed and the guilty left unpunished. Therefore, the Member prayed that the Tahsildar of Agastiswaram might be given the Magisterial jurisdiction over the Suchindram *pidagai*, as otherwise it would be difficult to control effectually the Suchindram temple affairs.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

121. The abolition of the S. M. R. V. Technical Institute, Nagercoil.

Mr. M. Subramonia Pillai (Member, Agastiswaram Taluk) said that the S. M. R. V. Technical Institute at Nagercoil was a very useful institution in imparting instruction in technical subjects. The abolition of the institution was indeed very lamentable. He therefore requested that either the G. O. No. 1854, dated 27--8--09,

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